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Rotary in Bloomington

Bloomington Noon, July 22, 2024

Noon Meetings Two Weeks Per Month, Mondays at the Hilton, France Ave & 494 Social Events and Club Service - See Calendar

Mission

The Bloomington Noon Rotary Club unites leaders to improve our community and the world through service and philanthropy.

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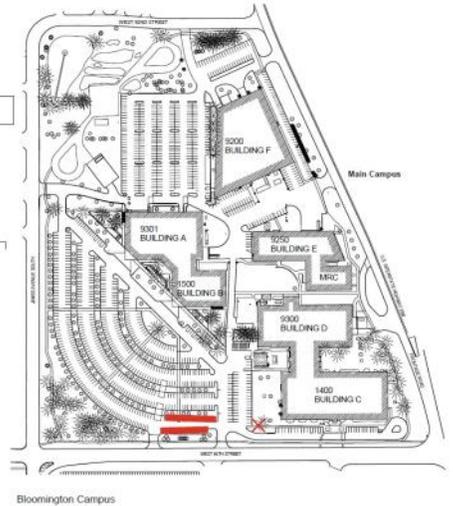
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July 29 Preview: Vocational Visit “Donaldson Company” 1400 W. 94th Street, Bloomington, 55431

Today we will move away from the Hilton to visit a prominent business within our city. Donaldson Company is one of the leading providers of filtration systems and replacement parts worldwide. After lunch and brief club business, a tour of the company will be available. RSVP was necessary through your Club Runner Invite. Lunch is being catered based on your stated preferences.

Please arrive between 11:45 and Noon. Donaldson Company is located at 1400 W 94th St, Bloomington, MN 55431. West on 94th Street off of Highway 35W. **Parking is off 94th Street, enter the building at the red X on the map.** There will be someone there to greet you and give you additional instructions. All persons must be preregistered to attend for security.



Our guest speaker will be Scott Grossbauer. He is currently the VP-Global Procurement. He joined Donaldson in 1999 and throughout his tenure has held leadership positions in various business units such as Emissions, Industrial Air, Aftermarket Hydraulics, and Product Management. Grossbauer holds a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Michigan Tech University and an MBA from the University of Minnesota Carlson School of Business.

August 8 Preview: “Community Service at VEAP” Volunteer at VEAP between 2:15 and 5:00—Please RSVP

Our First Club Service project at VEAP for this Rotary Year
Thursday, August 8th, between 2:15 and 5:00
RSVP your Availability with Dwayne Lowman at dwayne.lowman1@gmail.com

Up to 8 Rotarians can volunteer their time at VEAP for the afternoon to help along side others from VEAP with food packing (sorting, breaking down items, repackaging) in the Pantry or helping clients with their shopping so clients are able to pick the variety of items that they need. Join for whatever time you have available from 2:30 to 5:00 PM.

Sign up: Email dwayne.lowman1@gmail.com with the times you are planning to come.
Volunteer Today!



Rotarian Kari Thompson, VEAP CEO, pictured with our June Volunteers Bob Erickson, Debbie Belfry, Sara Tan, and Eldon Spencer

Our Recent Meetings... We had a small gathering for our **Meet and Greet**



on July 18th at the Hilton, but the conversation was lively and we enjoyed our food and drink together. Our next Meet and Greet happy hour is set for **September 19th at 5:00 PM**. Mark your calendar. We hope many can join us. The more the merrier!

You will note that we are not having a Meet and Greet in August.



Join us on August 22nd for our Annual All Family Picnic, 5:00 PM at West Bush Lake Shelter #2. Guests are welcome. You will be asked to bring a dish to share. Bring your children and/or grandchildren. Look for more information in the next RIB. (Photo right is from last year's picnic.)

Then on July 22nd, we hosted our **District Governor Sharon Bloodworth.**



Sharon brought with her that vibrant personality that she is known for as she talked a little bit about her upbringing growing up in the Congo and traveling. She gained first hand knowledge of the tropical diseases these communities live with and that teaching and helping others was important.

Sharon set her goal in Rotary to become District Governor and began her road to that goal 12 years ago when she was the President of her club, the City of Lakes Rotary. She is now a member of Minneapolis #9. Working in the financial industry, she has been very successful being able to eventually buy out her boss and now owns her own firm.

Sharon praised Bloomington Noon as a fundraising club and also mentioned how many of our members are leaders within the District. All total, our club has donated \$1,402,807 to The Rotary Foundation since our charter. District 5950 is #10 in the world in fundraising and Bloomington Noon has certainly been a part of that.

Sharon's goals for the year include continuing the triple leadership role of her predecessor. She emphasized Rotary's work on Clean Water around the world. She wants clubs to concentrate on membership (possibly through sub-clubs) and public relations. She challenged our club to adopt multiple international clubs so we can welcome them in 2029 at the International Convention.

Distinguished Guests

Mumtaz Anwar, Guest of Becky Amble, Owner Montage Dezion, Architect, former Rotarian and formerly from Pakistan, interested in membership. (Pictured near right with Jane Fenton)

Matt Dymoke, Guest of Karyn Arazi, Vice Chair of the Bloomington School Board, Director of Development for a food shelf. (Pictured far right with Karyn and Heather)



Heather Starks, Guest of Karyn Arazi, Bloomington School Board, Grant Writer, formerly a teacher

July Birthdays

09 Mark Adkins

July Anniversaries

01 Eldon Spencer 29 yrs

11 Chris Aldrich 2 yrs

Recent Program Recordings...

04/08/24 - "Citizen's Climate Lobby" <https://youtu.be/214O9215vRk>

05/06/24 - "Destructive Leaders": https://youtu.be/IHbpxV_Ct3M

05/20/24 - "Abijah's on the Backside" - <https://youtu.be/UuZymeltpWQ>

05/21/24 - "STRIVE Awards" - https://youtu.be/hv7JBMP_s-Y

These and other Rotary programs are also available to stream on the city website here: <https://reflect-bcit.cablecast.tv/CablecastPublicSite/search?channel=2&query=rotary>

Happy Bucks and Announcements

Debbie Belfry started our Happy Bucks by celebrating our visiting guests and our **District Governor Sharon Bloodworth**. She also shared our whole club's condolences to **Eric Melbye** on the passing of his father, [Michael Melbye](#), on July 6th. Service to be held at Westwood Lutheran Church on August 9th, 11:00 AM. Carolyn Pratt was thrilled that two of her sons were in MN with the family in the Boundary Waters area. They had a wonderful time! **Karen Nordstrom** shared that **Sara Tan** was involved in a bicycle accident that resulted in broken bones in her forearm. Her surgery to repair was successful but will require several months of recovery. Our thoughts are with you, Sara. Karen also has had two weeks of family visiting.

Eric Melbye thanked everyone for their thoughts and then celebrated our two visiting School Board members. He is also spending a long weekend at the cabin and golfing. **Eldon Spencer** is hosting his grandchildren the week. The whole family was together for a visit to Artistry Sunday to see Newsies! Great show and fun time! **Bob Erickson** spent four days biking in northern Minnesota and he mentioned all the great work the Education Foundation of Bloomington does for our students. **Don Stiles** mentioned our District Governor, then shared his excitement that his trip was able to be rescheduled, so he is now on vacation!

Dave Drummond was in Madison, WI, where he met with friends and went to the theater. **Becky Amble** thanked **Nick Basil** for all the work he does on behalf of our Bloomington Rotary Club Foundation as our accountant. And, **Terry Stirewalt** thanked **Laura Schultz** as our Past President and that he was finally talked into completing his vocational talk.

Announcements:

Make sure that you have preregistered for all of the upcoming events via your Club Runner invite: our Donaldson Vocational Visit; the August 22nd Rotary Family Picnic; and the District State Fair on a Stick.

Vocational Talk: Terry Stirewalt

Terry Stirewalt was brought into our club by **Dick Young**. Terry was known for always wanting something to do and Dick told him Rotary would always give him something to keep him busy...and it has! Terry grew up in North Carolina in a small town where the community supported education 100%. After graduation, Terry enlisted in the Army and spent his time in Viet Nam. After three years, he came home and went back to school to get his degree. After college, Terry enlisted again, this time in the Coast Guard where he spent six years in Washington DC. He went back to school again, then enlisted in the Army Reserves full time as a recruiter.

He moved to Minnesota and met an "older woman" whom he married. Shari and he have been happily together for 33 years now. In MN he decided to try banking and in his interview with First Bank, they asked him what he had done. All he had to say was he was an Army Recruiter, and they hired him immediately. He later joined a Credit Union now known as My Credit Union and has been with them for 20 years. Terry thanks Rotary for always giving him something to do!



Bachman's Gift Card Fundraiser Next Deadline August 1st!

For every gift card we purchase through Bachman's, we will get 15% back in fundraising dollars for our club to put to good use.

Gift cards purchased in store will not be applicable.

- Order cards through Laura Schultz, (Laura@LauraSchultzLaw.com) **Deadline: August 1st!**
- Indicate how many gift cards, and in what amount (s) you want.
- You can purchase gift cards in any amount from \$5 to \$500.
- **Cards will be delivered at our Rotary Meetings at the Hilton.**
- If not attending, you can make an arrangement directly with Laura.
- **Write your check for the card(s) out to Bloomington Noon Rotary, (NOT to Bachman's) and bring to the next meeting.**



Upcoming Meetings -

- Black Denotes In Person Meeting At the Hilton Hotel**
- Blue Denotes Club Service, Meet and Greet, or a Vocational Event**
- Red Denotes No Meeting at the Hilton**
- Green Denotes a planned Zoom Meeting**

- July 29: Monday **“Vocational Visit to Donaldson Company”** Bloomington
- Aug 8: Thursday **“Community Service at VEAP”** 2:15 to 5:00 PM [Email to Volunteer](#)
- Aug 12: Monday **“Bravo House”** Rotarian Holly Callen **Zoom Available**
- Aug 22: Thursday **“Annual Family Picnic”** West Bush Lake Shelter #2
- Aug 26: Monday **“Update on International Village Clinic”** Rotarian Abul Sharah **Zoom Available**
- Sept 5: Thursday **“Community Service at VEAP”** 2:15 to 5:00 PM [Email to Volunteer](#)
- Sept 9: Monday **“Wilderness Inquiry”** Guest: Erica Rivers **Zoom Available**
- Sept 19: Thursday **“Meet and Greet”** Hilton Hotel, Chop House Bar area, 5:00 PM
- Sept 23: Monday **“End Human Trafficking”** Guest: Karen Walkowski **Zoom Available**
- Sept 30: Monday **“Loaves and Fishes”** Club Service Project, Christ the King Lutheran, 4:00 to 7:00

Calendar of Events - SAVE the following DATES on your calendar!

- July 29: Monday **“Vocational Visit to Donaldson Company”** Noon - Bloomington
- July 30: Tuesday **“Education Foundation Chip in for Schools Golf Classic”** The Wilds, Eden Prairie
- Aug 8: Thursday **“Community Service at VEAP”** 2:15 to 5:00 PM
- Aug 22: Thursday **“Annual Family Picnic”** West Bush Lake Shelter #2
- Aug 24, 2024 Saturday **“Rotary on a Stick”** Rotary Day at the State Fair
- Sept 5: Thursday **“Community Service at VEAP”** 2:15 to 5:00 PM
- Sept 19: Thursday **“Meet and Greet”** Hilton Hotel, Chop House Bar area, 5:00 PM
- Sept 19: Thursday **“Oasis for Youth Fundraiser”** Hyland Hills Chalet, 5:30 to 8:00 [Donate](#)
- Sept 23: Monday **“First Annual Artistry Benefit”** Hilton Hotel 5:30 –9:00 Tickets \$125 [RSVP](#)
- Sept 24: Tuesday **“International Village Clinic Fundraiser”** Courtyards by Marriott Edina 6 -9 PM

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1. *Is it the TRUTH?*
 2. *Is it FAIR to all concerned?*
 3. *Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?*
 4. *Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?*

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International Village Clinic 10th Annual Fundraiser



SAVE THE DATE...You are invited!

An evening of celebration and support of the work of
International Village Clinic & World Class English School

Tuesday, September 24th, 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Courtyards By Marriott Edina Bloomington
4460 West 78th Street Circle
Bloomington, MN 55435

Come & enjoy an Indian buffet, Cash bar, SAATH Bollywood dancers,
Henna artist, & a live auction!
Invitation and Details will follow shortly!

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“Bloomington Noon Rotary MN”

District Conference - August 24th at the State Fair! Registration Closed

There will be another opportunity to sign up. Keep watching!



We are so excited to announce this year's **Rotary District 5950 Conference**, which promises to be as exciting as it is unique. Affectionately dubbed "Rotary-on-a-Stick," this year's conference will be held at the iconic **Minnesota State Fair** on August 24, 2024! This isn't just another District Conference — it's an extraordinary blend of fellowship, fun, and the Rotary spirit of service, all set against the backdrop of the **Great Minnesota Get Together**. Here's a taste of what we've got planned:

- **State Fair Entry:** No need to buy a separate ticket — yours is already included!
- **Exclusive Access:** Enjoy the private "Rotary Oasis" at Horton's Pavilion, where camaraderie and comfort collide.
- **Parade Participation:** Wave your Rotary pride for all to see and cheer on Rotary Club presidents as they march in the parade.
- **Rotary Treasure Hunt:** Engage in a bit of friendly competition with a Rotary-exclusive treasure hunt across the fairgrounds.
- **Service With a Smile:** Make an impact with our Done-in-a-Day service project, embodying the Rotary commitment to community.
- **Swag Galore:** Fill your goody bag to the brim with a selection of exclusive Rotary-on-a-Stick swag, including t-shirts, viking hats, paper fans, and more!

This day is more than just a conference — it's a celebration of our collective impact, build awareness of Rotary in Minnesota, and create memories that will last a lifetime. Save the date, and get ready for a gallon-size bucket of fun, Rotary-style!

Registration closed!!!!

Stay tuned...there will be another opportunity to register before Aug 24th.

Schedule of Events

- 8:00 am — State Fair Opens
- 8:30 am — Rotary Oasis at Horton Pavilion Opens
- 8:30 am – 10:30 am — Done-in-a-Day shift 1 (optional)
- 10:00 am – 12:00 pm — Done-in-a-Day shift 2 (optional)
- 11:30 am – 1:30 pm — Done-in-a-Day shift 3 (optional)
- 1:30 pm — Gather for State Fair Parade at 2:00 pm
- 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm — Done-in-a-Day shift 4 (optional)
- 4:00 pm — Treasure Hunt Prize Ceremony at Rotary Oasis
- 5:00 pm — Rotary Oasis closes

For All the Details on the State Fair- CLICK HERE

I believe that no matter your dreams we in District 5950 can help you make them a reality and together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves. Happy Rotary Year!!